

5. (Amended) The air filter as claimed in Claim 1,
wherein:

said second filter layer has a downstream end, which is
exposed.

6. (Amended) The air filter as claimed in Claim 2,
wherein:

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said second filter layer is subjected to an oil-repellent
treatment and then said first filter layer and said second
filter layer are combined integrally with each other.

7. (Amended) The air filter as claimed in Claim 2, wherein:
said first filter layer and second filter layer are combined
integrally each other; and then,

said second filter layer is subjected to an oil-repellent
treatment and said first filter layer is impregnated with oil.--

Please add the following claims:

--8. (New) The air filter as claimed in Claim 2, further
comprising an additional layer.

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9. (New) The air filter as claimed in Claim 3, wherein:
said first filter layer has a pore size of from 70 mm to 120 mm
and said second filter layer has a pore size of from 100 mm to
180 mm.